

23(Amended). A foaming cleanser composition comprising:

a polar solvent;

a thickening agent [selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid polymers, polyacrylamides and combinations thereof] comprising a polyacrylamide; and

a synthetic detergent, the composition being substantially anhydrous.

Please add new claims 27- 40 as follows:

-- 27(NEW). A composition comprising:

a) a polar solvent; and

b) a thickening agent in an amount sufficient to impart to the composition a viscosity of at least 1000 centipoise measures at room temperature, the thickening agent comprising a mixture of polyacrylamide, C₁₃₋₁₄ isoparaffin and Laureth 7, wherein the composition is substantially anhydrous.

28. (New) A composition as in claim 27 wherein the thickening agent is present at a level from about 0.5% to about 10% by weight of the composition.

29. (New) A composition as in claim 27 having a viscosity in the range of from about 1000 to about two million centipoise

30. (New) A composition as in claim 1 wherein the polar solvent is a polyol.

31. (New) A composition as in claim 1 wherein the polar solvent is a polyol. selected from the group consisting of polyhydric alcohols.

32. (New) A composition as in claim 1 wherein the polar solvent comprises one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, polyethylene glycol and glycerine.

33. (New) A composition as in claim 27 wherein the polar solvent comprises one or more one or more optional ingredients selected the group consisting of alcohol co-solvents, acetone, propylene carbonates, preservatives, emollients, humectants, anti-inflammatory agents, antioxidants, insect repellents or skin cooling compounds.

34. (New) A composition as in claim 27 further comprising a beneficial agent.

35. (New) A composition as in claim 34 wherein the beneficial agent is selected from the group consisting drug agents, medicaments and vitamins.

36. (New) A composition as in claim 34 wherein the beneficial agent is selected from the

group consisting of erythromycin, clindomycin, cephalosporins, and derivatives or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

37. (New) A composition as in claim 34 wherein the beneficial agent is selected from the group consisting of ascorbic acid, derivatives of ascorbic acid, retinoic acid, derivatives of retinoic acid and vitamin E.

38. (New) A composition as in claim 34 wherein the beneficial agent is selected from the group consisting of methylsalicylate and menthol.

39. (New) A composition as in claim 27 further comprising a detergent.

40. (New) A composition as in claim 39 wherein the detergent is selected from the group consisting of sodium cocoyl isethionate, acyl glutamate, alphaolefin sulfonates and sarcosynates.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 4, and 10 having been canceled and new claims 27 through 40 having been added, claims 1, 2, 5-9 and 11-40 are now pending in this application. A clean set of the claims as amended is attached hereto as required by the rules.

New independent claim 27 is essentially claim 6 (which was merely objected to) re-written in independent form. Accordingly, claims 27 through 40 are believed to be in condition for immediate allowance.

The claims have been amended to recite anhydrous compositions that include, *inter alia*, polyacrylamide thickeners. It is not seen where any of the prior art applied in the Office Action teaches or suggests anhydrous compositions that include a thickener that comprises a polyacrylamide.